satisfy the criteria mentioned earlier. The State Government has now informed that it is implementing the schame on its own and has constructed 152 sheds to provide employment to the gas victims.

Sick Drug Units in Public Sector

4868. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of drug units in Public Sector declared sick, as on date;

(b) the losses suffered by each of them so far; and

(c) what are the various remedial measures taken by Government to ameliorate the condition of the sick units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) M/s. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), Bengal Immunity Ltd. (BIL), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (BCPL), Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (SSPL) Uttar PPradesh Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (UPDPL) and Orissa Drugs & Chemicals Ltd. (ODCL) have been formally declared sick by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(b) The accummulated losses of these companies upto 31-3-1993 are indicated below :—

Name of the Company	(Rs./Crore) Accmcm-mulated loss
I.D.P.L.	627.91
B.I.L.	51.46
B.C.P.L.	92.58
S.S.P.L.	30.96
U.P.D.P.L.	5.76
O.D.C.L.	2.85

(c) The revival package for M/s. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. has been approved by the BIFR and the plan for its revival has been put into operation. The revival packages for other five cases are at various stages of preparation/consideration. In accordance with the provisions of the sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, the revival or otherwise of these sick companies will depend upon the orders of the BIFR, the statutory authority set up under the Law.

Prices of Life Saving Drugs

4869. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state what are the steps taken by Government to check the increase in the prices of the like saving drugs in the country and the results achieved therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIR) In accordance with the objectives of the Drug Policy, 1986, to ensure adequate availability at reasonable prices of essential life saving and prophylactic medicines, the prices of indentified medicines are regulated under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. The trend in price as reflected in the Wholesale Price Index, shows that the increase in the prices of drugs and medicines has generally been less than that of all commodities.

BICP report on bulk drugs

4870. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI .
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial cost and Pricing (BICP) has submitted its report on 23 bulk drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details of the reports;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether prices of these 23 bulk drugs have recently risen very high;

(e) if so, what are the details and reasons for the rise in prices; and